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Hoopeston Area teachers, other employees to get pay raises

Hoopeston Area certified and non-certified personnel will be getting a pay raise in the fall.

At Thursday's school board meeting, the board unanimously approved contracts for all certified employees.

The contracts, the second of a two-year agreement, will boost the base teaching salary by \$700 or approximately 3.5 percent, said Superintendent Don Dean. The new base wage will be \$20,100, he said.

Non-certified workers will get a 35-cent per hour increase, again approximately 3.5 percent, he added.

In other business, the district will request a waiver from the state board of education on the regulation requiring students to participate in physical education for for years.

At the May meeting, the board approved a policy that would allow juniors and seniors to request non-participation in physical education to take preparatory classes for further education.

Once the district's request is submitted to the state, the legislature will vote on it, action Dean said would probably not be a problem.

Action by the state board on the request is not

expected until early next year.

Board member Steve Unger voted against the request saying he would have been more in favor of students opting out of physical education for one year, but not two.

In other action, the board:

□approved spending approximately \$36,000 of Besselieu trust money on band and flag corps uniforms.

The Hoopeston Music Boosters will pay about \$8,000 of the cost, Dean said.

□learned the high school will be without electricity and telephone service Friday and Monday when new service is installed.

□accepted resignations from Tonya Behnke, high school special education teacher; Sandra Preston, fifth grade teacher; Jane Bray, high school physical education aide; Joan Mathis, Honeywell secretary; and Rita Tolch, high school drama club.

□employed April Bailey, high school math teacher; Gretchen Brazel, high school Educable Mentally Handicapped program teacher; and bus drivers Rhonda Borders and Marilyn Neal.

Haunting experience comes to McFerren Park Civic Center

A Revolutionary War patriot will haunt the McFerren Park Civic Center this weekend when the Hoopeston Playcrafters present the comedy "Gramercy Ghost."

Performances will be at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 20, 21, 27 and 28 and 2 p.m. Sunday June 22 at the civic center.

The play is set in Nancy Willard's apartment and features Kristi Evans as Nancy.

Other performers include Jeanette Andre as Margaret Collins, Charles Van Pelt as Parker Burnett, Robin

Lawson as Augusta Ames and Tom Hughes as Charley Steward.

Also, Mike Lander as Nathaniel Coombes, Mike Prorise as Officer Morrison, Jackson Stockdate as Irv, Dennis David as Rocky, Sarah Powley as the ambulance driver, Nickie Shafer as the assistant driver and Samantha Coon as Phoebe and the girl ghost.

"Gramercy Ghost" is directed by Tony Hasbargen.

Admission to the play is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children ages 13 and younger.

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Police News



DeEtta Henk, 531 W. Elm, reported Thursday that someone cut a screen at her home.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 11:50 a.m. Thursday at East Penn and Third Streets.

Police said Jesse E. Cundiff, 401 S. Scott St., Oakwood, in a 1995 Isuzu, was southbound on Third St. and struck a 1994 Chevrolet driven by Regina L. Crozier, 430 W. Washington.

Robert P. Staley Jr., 26, of 825 E. Elm, was arrested

at 2:48 p.m. Thursday at his home, charged with domestic battery and unlawful restraint.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Amanda R. Strawser, 17, of 113 May St., Potomac, was arrested at 2:48 p.m. Thursday at 825 E. Elm, charged with battery.

She was released on a notice to appear.

The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 5:24

Briefly

Offices change addresses

State Rep. Bill Black and State Sen. Judy Myers have a new Danville office, at 119½ S. Gilbert St.

The change is effective June 20.

The Danville Social Security office will also have a new address.

Effective June 27, the office will be at 1001 E. Voorhees.

On June 27, the Danville office will only be able to handle emergencies because their computer will not be operational. Routine questions will be handled by the national toll free number, (800) 772-1213.

The Danville office will be fully operational Monday, open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number is (217) 283-0193.

Rep. Black to speak

State Rep. Bill Black (R-Danville) will speak at the Hoopeston Business & Professional Women's Club meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Crunch's.

Nonmembers who wish to hear Black may make reservations by calling (217) 283-5340 or 283-6429. For those who wish to hear just the program, Black will

speak at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Watch

The Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Hoopeston municipal building.

The public is encouraged to attend.

Night time sewer flushing

Rossville village workers will begin flushing sewers during late-night hours on a trial basis.

The change is being made to cut down on rust sediment in the system during daytime laundry hours.

Athletic physicals scheduled

Athletic physicals for Rossville-Alvin grades 5-12 will be given July 1 at the high school. Girls' physicals will be given from 9-10 a.m., followed by boys' physicals from 10-11. Cost is \$10. For more information, 748-6600.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

June 18, 1997

Admitted: Marjorie Brockway, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Docia Peers and Helen Bell, Hoopeston.

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today. High in the mid 90s. Tonight, continued chance of showers. Low in the mid 60s. Tomorrow and Sunday, chance of thunderstorms. Highs near 83, lows near 68.

Obituaries

HICKMAN - Richard W. Hickman, 45, of rural Milford, died at 12:07 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, 1997, at his home. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Prairie Green Church of Christ. Memorials are suggested to the Disabled Veterans Association, Danville. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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